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SHERROD BROWN

WORKING FOR YOU

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Dear Friends:

Since September 11th, the American people have demonstrated the strength of our democracy in the face of adversity. We've come together to show the world we are committed to keeping our nation and our communities safe from the threat of terrorism. The character and resolve of the American people leave no doubt we will persevere.

As the battle against terrorism continues at home and abroad, we must also confront domestic issues that jeopardize the financial security of all. Job loss, spiraling prescription drug prices, inadequate health care coverage, and corporate fraud are immediate concerns that must be addressed to create a positive future for ourselves and our children.

Congress and the President must not shirk these responsibilities. We must stay focused on these issues and work for meaningful solutions that will benefit all Americans.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you on the issues that concern you.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown

PRESERVING EFFECTIVE ANTIBIOTICS

Since the 1940's, antibiotics have been our greatest ally in the fight against infectious diseases. They have given doctors a tremendous advantage in treating tuberculosis, pneumonia, typhoid, cholera, salmonella, and many other deadly diseases. However, the bacteria that cause these diseases are tougher than we expected, and the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in human medicine and animal agriculture has caused drug-resistant bacteria to flourish. This phenomenon has made it significantly more difficult and expensive to treat infections. As the House leader in efforts to combat antibiotic resistance, Congressman Brown has fought successfully to increase funding at the Food and Drug Administration for research on antibiotic resistance, and has introduced two bills aimed at halting the unnecessary use of antibiotics in animal agriculture and improving the quality of antibiotic use in human medicine.

HEALTH CARE ROUNDUP

Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs

Congressman Brown has joined with Senator John McCain of Arizona to introduce the Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals (GAAP) Act. The GAAP Act would prevent drug companies from blocking consumer access to more affordable generic drugs. Brand-name drug companies use legal loopholes to prevent generic competitors from entering the market. By closing these loopholes, the GAAP Act would save American consumers billions of dollars each year. Brown is also the lead author of legislation that would ensure seniors and disabled individuals access to prescription drug coverage under Medicare. At least 12 million seniors lack drug coverage, and millions more are under-insured.

Brown was successful in incorporating the cost saving provisions of the GAAP bill into legislation that would ensure Medicare beneficiaries access to prescription drug coverage.

Eliminating Global Tuberculosis

Rep. Brown has led efforts in Congress to increase funding for the fight against tuberculosis (TB), a preventable and treatable disease that kills millions of people each year. Since 1998, Brown has helped increase federal support for anti-TB efforts from \$0 to \$75 million in 2002. Brown also introduced the Stop TB Now Act (H.R. 1168) to authorize \$200 million for international TB control. For domes-



Congressman Brown was presented the Paul G. Rogers Award from the Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC) for his leadership in Congress on core health issues, including sustaining the nation's teaching hospitals. The award is named in honor of former Congressman Paul Rogers, a leader in health care legislation during his tenure in the House of Representatives. Pictured left to right are former Congressman Paul G. Rogers, Sherrod Brown, and Roger J. Bulger, President of the AAHC.

tic TB control, Rep. Brown introduced the Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act (H.R. 1167), which would expand TB-specific research programs to develop better screening methods and treatments, including a TB vaccine, and enhance our ability to reach high-risk populations for screening and treatment.

Food Safety

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 76 million Americans will get food poisoning this year, 325,000 will become sick enough to require hospitalization, and 5,000 will die. Yet budget constraints allow the Food and Drug

Administration (FDA) to inspect less than 1% of all imported food shipments. Congressman Brown has led the fight in Congress to improve the inspection of imported foods. Brown is a lead sponsor of the Imported Food Safety Act of 2001, which would provide the FDA with new authority and resources to inspect and detain food entering the United States. As an active participant in the development of the bioterrorism defense bill, Brown lobbied successfully for the inclusion of the resources necessary to increase the number of inspectors at our borders, develop new methods to detect contaminated foods, and safeguard domestic crops and livestock.

BROWN WORKING FOR CHILDREN



Congressman Brown meets with actor John Ratzenberger (Cliff on "Cheers") to discuss efforts to fight juvenile diabetes in America. Ratzenberger, whose child has juvenile diabetes, is a long-time crusader against the disease.

Dot Kids

Congressman Brown recently cosponsored H.R. 3833, the Dot Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act of 2002. The bill would establish a child-friendly space within the ".us" country domain on the world wide web known as ".kids.us". Much like the children's section of a library, parents may limit a child's Internet access to the ".kids.us" domain into which only child-friendly web sites would be permitted.

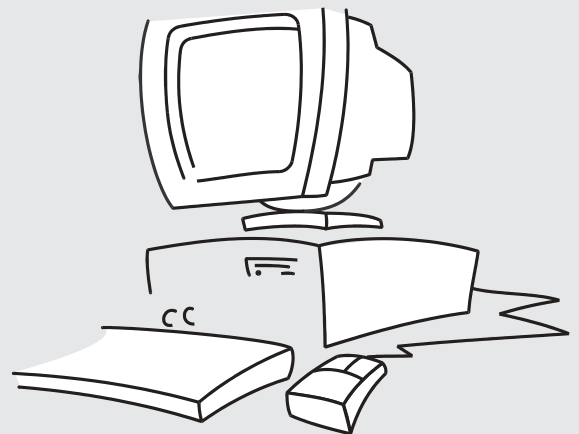
Children's Health

As one of the leaders in the fight against diabetes, Congressman Brown sponsored the Children's Health Act, which helped establish a national commitment to finding a cure for juvenile diabetes. He has made an ongoing effort to help organizations such as the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the Diabetes Research Working Group receive the federal money and resources necessary to fight this all too common disease.

New Improved Web Site

In August, 2002, we will be updating Congressman Brown's web site. Visit the improved website for information on contacting congressional offices, visiting Washington, D.C., information about internships, ordering flags, and obtaining up-to-date legislative information.

To access the site, simply click <www.house.gov/sherrodbrown>.



FEDERAL GRANTS TO COMMUNITIES

Higher Education and Health Services

Lorain County Community College and the St. Joseph Community Health Center each received grants to enhance the community's adult learning and health services. The grant to Lorain County Community College (LCCC) provides employers, employees, and students with access to interactive distance learning opportunities. Much of the distance learning will occur through LCCC's University Partnership Program, which provides Lorain County residents with access to advanced degrees at Kent State, Ohio State, Youngstown State, and other regional institutions.

Funds to St. Joe's Community Health Center will be used primarily for health services, including an emergency room operated by Community Health Partners; a veterans health clinic opened by the Department of Veterans Affairs; a long-term

sub-acute care provider; allied health and job training programs offered by the Lorain County Community College; and a 24-hour child care and adult day care run by Catholic Charities.

Computers in Schools

Congressman Brown supported efforts to increase funding for the successful federal "e-rate" program, which provides schools and libraries with Internet access. In the last funding year, schools in the 13th district were awarded \$1,253,429 through the federal E-rate program. E-rate is funded by the Universal Service Fund, created in the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

COPS Program

In 1994, Congressman Brown supported the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, which created the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. In the years following, the COPS program has been a tremendous

success in Northeast Ohio. Since the program began, Brown has secured \$15.7 million in COPS grants for the 13th Congressional District, including communities in Lorain, Summit, Medina, Cuyahoga, Portage, Trumbull, and Geauga counties.

President Bush has proposed drastic cuts in funding for COPS and other community-based policing programs. His proposal would cut the community policing budget from \$738 million this year to \$164 million next year, a reduction of over 75 percent.

"The COPS program works," said Brown, who is fighting the cuts. "More police officers on the streets make communities in Northeastern Ohio safer places to live. This program has provided funding for more than 250 new police officers in 42 communities in my district alone. By cutting the COPS budget, the President's proposal would jeopardize the safety of thousands of American communities."

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